(*b*) whether the proposal to conduct classes for the political education of members of the Legislature has the approval of the Government ; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that the syllabus of studies in the proposed classes is to consist of criticism of the Government ?

Mr. S. Parthasarathy Iyengar : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government are not concerned with such activities so long as they are within the law.

(*c*) No.

Appendix I.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 61.**

Statement showing the total number of bales of Mill cloth received by the State in the months of February, March, April and May.

February to May 1945.

Bombay Mill cloth Quota.			Chitra Mulls.		
2/45	288	Bales.	67	Bales.	
3/45	288	,,	265	,,	
4/45	501	,,	210	,,	
5/45	237	,,	May-information not received		

	Mettur.		Ahamadabad Mill cloth quota.		Standard	
2/45	56	Bales.	220	Bales.	3	Bales.
3/45	56	,,	233	,,	40	,,
4/45	56	,,	220	,,	34	,,
5/45	56	,,	610	,,	21	,,

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Admission to the University College

1. ***Mr. K. S. Joseph :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of students that applied for admission to the B. Sc. class of the University College in (i) Chemistry, (ii) Zoology and (iii) Botany Sections ;

(*b*) how many in each set had secured the number of marks required as per the College admission standards ;

(*c*) how many were admitted in each section ;

(*d*) how many each were admitted to each of these subject courses in (*i*) 1944-45, (ii) 1943-44 and (iii) 1942-43 ; and

(*e*) whether more could not be admitted in these Sections ?

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Mr. H. C. Papworth (*Pro-Vice Chancellor*).

(*a*) Number applied	Chemistry	... ...	152
Do.	Zoology	... ...	81
Do.	Botany	... ...	37
(*b*) Number eligible	Chemistry	... ...	146
Do.	Zoology	... ...	77
Do.	Botany	... ...	34
(*c*) Number admitted	Chemistry	... ...	40
Do.	Zoology	... ...	39
Do.	Botany	... ...	25

(*d*)	*Chemistry*	*Zoology*	*Botany*
Number admitted in 1942-43	46	31	27
Do. 1943-44	44	40	27
Do. 1944-45	40	28	51

(*e*) Every effort is being made to admit as many as possible to these groups.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : May I know from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor what steps have definitely been taken this year ? This is arising from part (e).

Mr. H. C. Papworth : From the figures printed, honourable members will see that there is a great rush this year for Chemistry, there being 145 eligible candidates. University College is the only College in the State which takes Chemistry for the B. Sc. The University yesterday sanctioned the opening of an additional batch of Chemistry students not exceeding forty, into which are to be admitted all applicants on the waiting list whose eligibility is the same as that of those who have already been admitted.

President : Order, order, The following are the results of the elections to the Committees held yesterday.

P. W. D. Advisory Committee

Sry. P. Thankamma :

Central Advisory Committee for Yarn and Textiles

Sry. P. Thankamma and Mr. D. Krishnan Potti.

Messrs. Krishnan Potti and Narayana Panicker got an equal number of votes. Lots were cast and Mr. Krishnan Potti was declared elected.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : On a point of information, Sir, May I know why only a small number of interpellations are being answered. There were many interpellations sent during the last meeting of the House and I am sure there was time enough for answering them.

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President: Honourble members may remember that one honourable member pointed out yesterdy that there were very few questions put on the agenda yesterday. Thereupon, I instituted some enquiry and desired that all questions to which answers were received should be put in today. I myself expected a larger number of questions than those put on the agenda today. But the Secretary tells me that these are the only questions to which answers have been received. In order that there might be no discontent on that ground, I propose to ask the Secretary to put on the table of the House the answers, when the House next meets, for all the remaining questions.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: This is the continuation of the Session that we had last time. As such I should have expected all these questions that were admitted last time to have been answered this time. There was enough time, and nobody could beg for an excuse on the ground that there was no time.

President: I shall see that no complaints are received hereafter on the matter.

At this stage the following new members took the oath and signed the Rolls :—

1. Mr. K. Madhava Kurup (*Director of Registration*)
2. Dewan Bahadur L. Venkitakrishnan (*Chief Engineer*).

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: Sir, now that Mr. Salter is going away, I request permission to speak a few words in appreciation of him.

President: He has not got a passage yet. (Laughter). He has applied for leave and is waiting for a passage. Honourable members know that it takes months before they get a passage. If he does not get a passage till the Budget time he will be here for the Budget Session. Mr. Bruford and Mr. Salter have not got passages yet.

There is one oversight which I regret. The question of the Bunchy Top Disease in respect of plantains ought to have been placed formally before this House because, as I mentioned elsewhere the evil is very great and Government's idea is to get the fullest co-operation from the public at large in the rather drastic measures that they have been compelled and will be compelled to take. expected that to be on the tapis today. With the permission of the House, after the discussion on the Chitties Bill is over, I shall ask Mr. Narayana Aiyar to make a statement as the one he made in the other House, which may be followed by a discussion.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: We must go on with our non-official resolutions.

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President : Of course, it is a matter left to the discretion of the House., Mr. Narayana Aiyar's motion ought not to take more than half an hour.

The question that discussion on Bunchy Top Disease might take place after the Chitties Bill was over, was put and carried.

Official Legislative Business.

THE TRAVANCORE CHITTIES BILL.

Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*) : I beg to move that the consideration of the Travancore Chitties Bill be continued.

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : I second it.

Clauses 1 and 2.

The question that Clauses 1 and 2 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clauses 1 and 2 were added to the Bill.

Clause 3.

Mr. V. N. Padmanabha Pillai : I beg to move :

"In clause 3, sub-clause (2), add the following two paragraphs as part of the definition of "Chitty":— "For a transaction to amount of a chitty it is not necessary that each subscriber should subscribe the same amount ; it may vary according as he takes a full, a fractional, or a multiple ticket. In the case of a joint foremen it is not necessary that each of them should be a subscriber individually ; they may subscribe jointly also. For a transaction to amount to a chitty the prize amount that a subscriber is entitled to get must be the "prize amount" as defined in clause (9) of this Section and must be proportional to the ticket that he holds;"

and omit the explanation now existing in sub-clause (2).

Sir, I need not invite the attention of the House to the necessity of having a correct definition of the term 'Chitty' in a Bill relating to chitties. If there are defects or loopholes in the definition, such that transactions which are intended by the Legislature to fall within the definition fall outside the definition or vice versa the consequences are serious particularly in view of Clauses 4 and a which provide that transactions partaking of the nature of a Chitty but not falling within the definition of clause 2 of Section 3 are void and that any person who conducts or is responsible for the conduct of any such transaction shall be punishable with imprisonment and fine. My respectful submission is that there are such defects and loopholes in this definition so that transactions which are of almost daily occurrence and which are supposed to be equitable and honest transactions fall outside the definition, and transactions which are mischievous and intended to over reach people fall

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